Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 110, line 18, and ending on page 111, line 2 as follows:

cDNA cloning. To generate Compound 1 resistant cDNA, total RNA was isolated from Compound 1-r replicon cells using Trizol (Cat# 15596-026) Gibco-BRL, Rockville, MD and precipitated with isopropanol. As a control, RNA was isolated in parallel from wild-type replicon cells. The entire HCV ORF was generated and amplified in a single fragment using the SuperScript One-Step RT-PCR for Long Templates (Cat# 11922-028) Gibco-BRL, Rockville, MD and primers BR735 - 5'TGAATGTCGTGAAGGAAGCAG3' (SEQ ID NO:4) and 3'Xba-5'TGGCAGTCTAGAAGTACTTGATCTGCAGAGAGG3' (SEQ ID NO:5). Reaction products were gel purified and cloned directly into pCR2.1-TOPO using a TOPO TA cloning kit (Cat# 45-0641) Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA. The DNA sequence of the entire HCV nonstructural coding region was determined for multiple clones.